

SINGLE TAX PROVISION IS ATTACHED TO ENGLISH BUDGET AND THE LORDS ARE ANGRY

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NO CONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY FOR TENDERFOOT

In many respects the most important news development of the year, touching upon government policy, occurred last week when the English house of lords turned down by a vote of 356 to 75, the government budget, which included a radical single tax provision. This action on the part of the peers was revolutionary in its nature in many ways. Under the English constitution the sole right of the institution of reforms and the effectuation of the new financial measure lies with the house of commons, the action of which, however, must be approved by the house of lords. The refusal of the upper house to concur in this matter, resulted in the immediate dissolution of parliament, the house taking the action as an affront that could be accepted in no other way than by ceasing to do business, and leaving the whole thing to the people, which interesting matter will be taken care of early in the coming year, the haste in the matter being caused by the fact that until the situation is settled the English government must borrow to pay its running expenses, as the budget included all appropriations necessary for that purpose. Resubmission means that the people will vote on whether the new plan of taxation shall become law and the initiative of the lower house sustained. If they vote for the law, and those who stand for it, it means the complete and eternal emancipation of the house of lords—its relegation to the strict constitutional lines.

An affirmative vote means much more than that, so far as the world at large is concerned. It will be the first application of the principle of the single tax to the government of a world power. It is only natural that the lords should recoil from the whole proposition. They will be the ones that will pay the freight, for they are the hereditary land owners of the island, and the institution of such a tax will mean that the great estates of the country will have to be split up and sold to the actual users, except in some rare instances, for the principle that the land must pay all the expenses of government makes impossible the dodging of a correct rating. It goes even farther than the German idea of the unearned increment—which is simply a postponement of the application of the single tax, by using a part, an essential part to be sure, but nevertheless a part. The English through Premier Asquith have been wise enough to see the proper solution of the land problem at the same time, and the house of commons was shrewd enough to make the change as a part of the appropriation bill, which is an ancient and it must be confessed an effective way of getting a thing through. It is not often that the other house has the nerve to turn down the budget, even if the rider does make them gag, but the peers realized that it was a case of show down, and that if this blasted American idea was adopted they were going to have to pay their just proportion of the taxes, which could not in turn be screwed out of the poor folks. From their standpoint they did the right thing. It had to be tried sooner or later, and the necessities of England being urgent, it was also natural that the commons should put the plan on now. The great English common people will be the jury, and there is but little doubt of their verdict.

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the reform of taxation is the universal necessity. The more you study this idea of Henry George's, the better it seems, and that it should have been adopted by Premier Asquith in the whole, and by the Kaiser in part, is proof of its sanity, also that the trend of the times is irresistably toward it. That first application should have been in another country from where it was originated, is merely an incident, and was caused by the fact that conditions are different and the need greater. This country is new and England is old, with every foot of its land covered by titles of centuries, under the old system, practically of the taxes being paid by the poor, in one form and another, and the vast holdings of the aristocracy having so many exemptions that they are practically untitled. In a sense, therefore, it is a beginning of a change in the social system also, and no one realizes it better than the lords themselves.

Students in political economy and government all over the world are watching the situation in England with the deepest interest, possibly more so in this country than in any other because this is next in line for its adoption. It may be years, but it is certainly coming, as witness certain significant proofs. It is only a little while

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REBEKAHS SURPRISE ODD FELLOWS

Banquet is Spread to Subordinate at the Close of Session Thursday Night.

LARGE ATTENDANCE

At the close of a very interesting session of the Odd Fellows lodge last Thursday night, the Rebekahs of Ruth No. 4, filed into the hall like a regiment of soldiers, and for a minute the charge d'affaires in possession of the redoubt, was a little confused as to the manner of the attack; he didn't know whether to fly a flag of truce or surrender unconditionally. After having time to scrutinize the equipment and seeing that they were armed with a square meal, consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee on a platter decorated with the colors of the order and reinforced with the smiles of about fifty beautiful women, the incident was closed and Ruth Rebekah No. 4, was in possession of the whole works, we had met the enemy and we were theirs. After supper a very pleasant social hour was spent, the program being toasts and music. The fellows who haven't attended lodge for the past six months will be kicking themselves when they find out what they missed.

Mr. W. L. Mitchell, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Iowa, addressed the Rebekah lodge and complimented them very highly both on personnel and as adepts in the culinary art. An expression of gratitude on the part of the subordinate to the Rebekahs for their presence and the bounty of their refreshments closed a happy session, one of the most enjoyed entertainments the Odd Fellows have had since they organized in this city.

TUCUMCARI EXHIBIT IS PRAISED

Many Congratulatory Letters Received by the Fair Association.

WANT US NEXT YEAR

Chicago, Dec. 4, 1909.
Mr. S. M. Wharton,
Editor, Tucumcari News,
Tucumcari, N. M.
My dear Mr. Wharton:—
The great Tribune Land Show closes tonight in a blaze of glory and a spirit of unanimous exultation over the grand success attained.
The deep interest manifested by all classes in all that pertains to land and its products has been a revelation to those of us whose duties demanded constant attendance, and, in this connection, I desire to especially commend the untiring and conscientious efforts of Mr. C. H. de Yampert to keep Tucumcari always well to the front. The Rock Island afforded him a place in the official booth; he had his stuff well displayed, all the products from your section looked and were exceptionally fine, and it was a very quiet moment in the proceedings when he was not talking to someone. With the exception of Dulhart, who also had a fine exhibit well displayed, Tucumcari had the only real dry farming display in the vast building, and I can assure you it attracted a great deal of interested attention. You should feel proud of Mr. de Yampert and your exhibit here. Come again next year.
Sincerely yours,
J. F. Reeves.
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J. Linde of St. Louis, is in the city looking after his business.

GIFT CONTEST NEARING END

Mrs. Belknap Wins Second Cash Prize Offered in the Contest.

GIFTS ARE ON DISPLAY

The second of the cash gifts in the News Holiday Gift Contest was awarded this morning to Mrs. Mayme Belknap of Nara Vista, Mrs. Belknap leading the other candidates in District No. 2 by a comfortable margin.

STANDING OF CANDIDATES.
Miss Marguerite Blair, 10725
Miss Laura Rhodes, 10600
Miss Willie Parker, 7000
Miss Gertrude Brown, 6525
Mrs. Mayme Belknap, Nara V. 5325
Miss Edna Link, Obar, 1975
Miss Ura Luke, Endee, 1625
Miss Edna Spriggs, Montoya, 1000
Miss Sylvia Johns, Sunnyside, 750
Only two weeks remain before the closing of the News Holiday Gift Contest and every candidate in the race should be out and doing her best to capture one of the gifts.
From now until the closing of the contest every candidate should be in the field early and late, working as if her life depended upon the outcome of the Contest. There should be no letup until the clock strikes the hour of closing on the evening of December 24th. Then, and not till then, may you rest.

When the last vote is counted and the winners are announced you want to be sure that your name is mentioned among them. You don't want to be an "also ran." There is positively only one way to prevent it and that is to get out and work. Don't let your friends forget that you are in the race.

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PRESIDENT TAFT'S FIRST MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS OF THE U. S. SUGAR FRAUDS.

Economy in Expenditures and Sufficient Revenue Prominent Features. Country in High State of Prosperity. Draws Nicaragua Over the Coals.

RECOMMENDS STATEHOOD FOR TERRITORIES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—In president Taft's first message to a regular session of congress, the tariff, the Nicaraguan question, sugar frauds and "white slavery" are among the questions but not strongly urged.
"Perhaps the most important question presented to this administration is that of economy in expenditure and sufficiency of revenue," says the president, who discusses the methods taken to meet the deficit. The president declares it unwise to attempt further revision of the tariff until the facts are at hand upon which revision can properly be understood.

Increased Cost of Living.
Speaking generally, he says the country is in a high state of prosperity. He notes the increase in the cost of living, but says the tariff is not the cause. In those products of the factory and farm there has been no increase in the tariff and in many instances a very considerable reduction, the president declares.

In beginning the president says: "The relations of the United States with all foreign governments have continued on the normal basis of amity and good understanding and are very generally satisfactory."

Raps Zelaya.
President Taft says the Zelayan government of Nicaragua has kept Central America in constant turmoil. "It is un-

necessary," he says, "to rehearse here the sad tale of unspeakable barbarity and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Zelayan government. Recently two Americans were put to death by order of president Zelaya himself. They were reported to have been regularly commissioned officers in the organized forces of a revolution, and as such, according to the modern enlightened practice of civilized nations, they would be entitled to be dealt with as prisoners of war." He continues:
"This government proceeded with deliberate circumspection, to determine the exact truth in relation to these reports and upon the course in the premises most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America and to civilization."

"At the date when the message is printed this government has terminated diplomatic relations with the Zelaya government for reasons made public in a communication to the former Nicaraguan charge d'affaires and a statement to make such future steps as may be found most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America, and to civilization. It may be necessary for me to bring this subject to the attention of the congress in a special message."

Open Door in Far East.
Concerning the far east, the president says this government preserves unchanged its policy of supporting the "open door" and adds:

"Our traditional relations with the Japanese empire continue cordial as usual. The arrangement of 1908 for a co-operative control of the coming of laborers to the United States has proved to work satisfactorily."

Recognition of the department of state upon modern lines is furtherance of our foreign trade and of American interests abroad is recommended.

National Revenue.
"Perhaps," continued the message, "the more important question presented to this administration is that of economy in expenditures and sufficiency of revenue."

"The report of the secretary shows that the ordinary expenditures for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, will exceed the receipts by \$54,075,620. If to this deficit is added the sum to be disbursed for the Panama canal, amounting to \$38,000,000 and \$1,000,000 to be paid on the public debt, the deficit of ordinary receipts and expenditures will be increased to a total deficit of \$93,075,620. This deficit the secretary proposes to meet by the proceeds of bonds issued to pay the cost of constructing the Panama canal. I approve this proposal."

Canal Comes High.
The president says the cost of engineering and construction of the canal, which will be completed Jan. 1, 1915, will be \$297,706,000 instead of \$139,435,000 to a total of \$437,141,000.
The president says: "In order to avoid a deficit for the ensuing fiscal year, I directed the heads of departments in the preparation of their estimates to make them as low as possible, consistent with imperative governmental necessity. The result has been as I am advised by the secretary of the treasury, that the estimates for the expenditures of the government for the next fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, are less than the appropriations for this current fiscal year by \$42,818,000."

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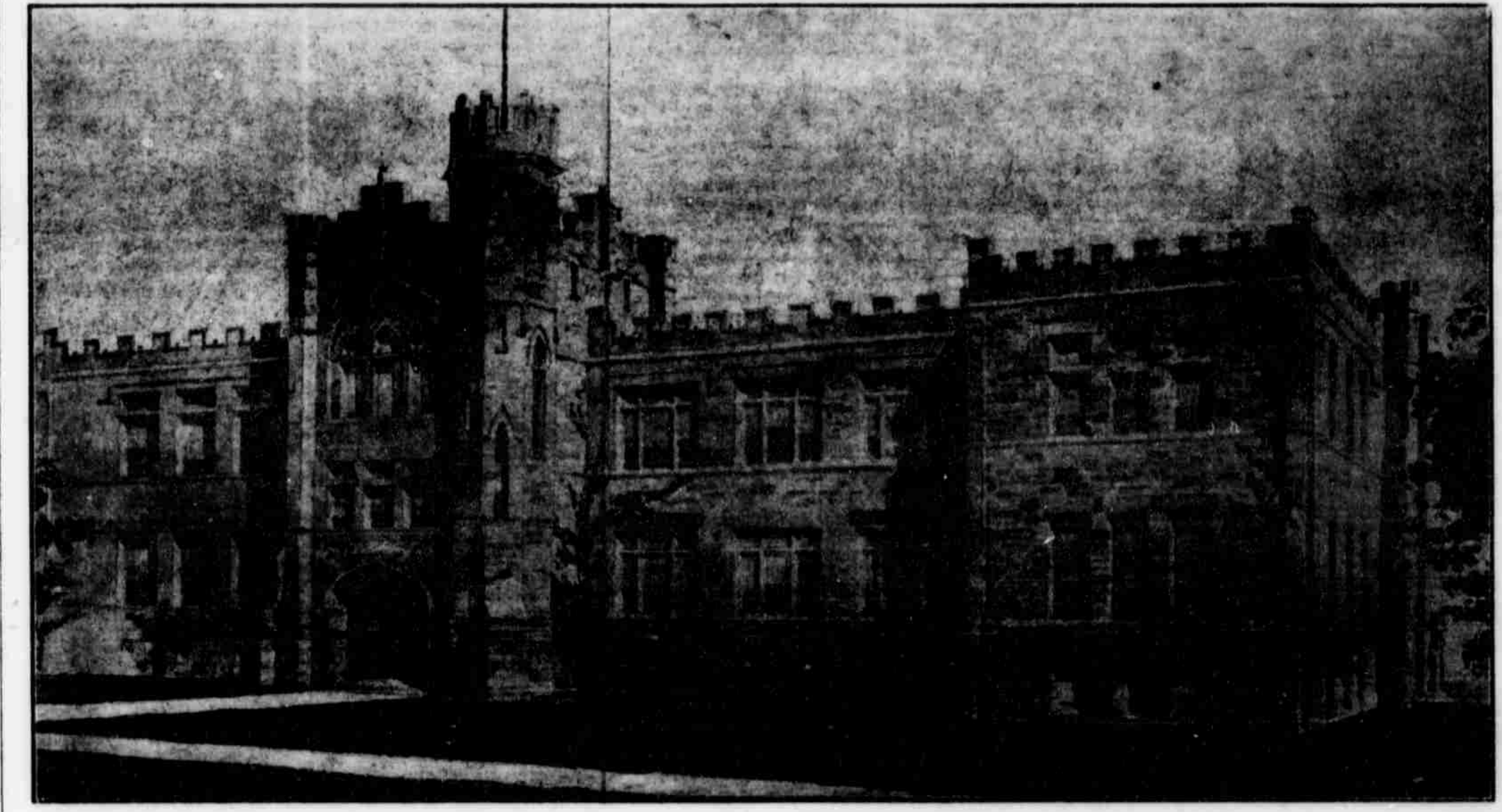
SEWERAGE BOND DEAL CONCLUDED

Bonds Being Signed Here Today for Delivery for Final Approval.

MONEY NEXT TUESDAY

H. P. Weber, the Chicago attorney who was employed by Ulen-Southerlin Co. to pass on the legality of the Tucumcari Sewer bond issue, has approved the issue up to final execution and delivery and final certificate. The bonds are being signed here today and attorney Holloman will return with them to Chicago tonight and when he reaches there the final approval will be taken up. As soon as the money is received, which will probably be next Tuesday, the contractor will be notified by wire and will begin getting in readiness to begin work. The enterprise should be under way in ten to fifteen days.

The Mayes block on south Second street was sold by Mr. Mayes at an advance of about \$4,500 above the price paid less than a year ago. This speaks well for Tucumcari real estate, and there are few towns in the west where there has been an advance of fifty per cent in realty during the past twelve months.



Tucumcari High School Building Finished

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ELK'S MEMORIAL SERVICE OBSERVED. IMPRESSIVE SERVICE HELD SUNDAY MORNING AT MASONIC HALL

The Elks annual memorial service took place in the cities of the country last Sunday, that held here being conducted in the Masonic hall Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Tucumcari Lodge No. 1172 has only been organized a few months and its members are all living and well, a thing we may all be thankful for, but the regular memorial service was carried out, according to the ritual. The ceremony is beautiful and a large number of the members were present. The city band favored the order with a number of appropriate selections of music, this service was much appreciated and added to the impressiveness of the occasion.

J. W. Campbell, the chaplain of the Lodge, made the memorial address after which the exercises were concluded with the closing ode of the ritualistic ceremony. Mr. Campbell spoke as follows:
The first Sunday in Dec. of each year is the day set apart by the B. P. O. E. as Elks memorial day, on which all of the Lodges in the U. S. hold what is known as the session of sorrow for the purpose of commemorating the lives of those of our brethren who, during the year just closed have passed to that silent country from whose bourne no traveler ever returns. In this service as well as in our daily lives, we are taught not only to write their faults upon the sand, but to cherish their virtues upon the tablets of our minds and hearts. Thousands of Elks today will assemble, the roll will be called in every Lodge, and hundreds of good Elks will not answer to their names here. They have answered the call of the grand Exalted Ruler of the

Universe, their voices are silent, they have gone from the walks of men, from labor to reward, their lives here are finished, the book has been written, the silver cord has been loosed, the golden bowl broken, the pitcher broken at the fountain, the wheel broken at the Cistern. The dust has returned to the earth as it was, and the Spirit to the God who gave it. They have gone to their long home and the mourners are in our midst. Many chairs are vacant, many firesides lonely, many hearts are bowed down. Widows in vain shall look for the familiar face of husband, shall listen for the footstep which she shall hear no more. Orphan children shall no more welcome Father and hear his loving voice or receive his warm embrace. Sweethearts have been made sad as the last remains were deposited in the cold ground, shutting up from them the one whose coming made life a joy and a song. And all this because we are born to die, and in the midst of life we are in death. All this because the Grim Monster has laid his cold icy hand upon the children of men.

While many of our beloved brotherhood have failed to answer to their names today, let us hope and believe that they have not only heard the summons of the Grand Exalted Ruler, but have also heard him say, "well done good and faithful servant." And have entered into a larger sphere of service in that beautiful Realm "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest," in that beautiful City seen by the Seer on patmos, when he said "he showed me a pure river of water, clear as crystal proceeding out of the Throne of God. In the midst of it, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life. And there shall be no more curse. And they shall see his face. And there shall be no night there. In that home of the soul where there shall be no parting, no more death, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

But our hearts are filled with thanksgiving and gratitude today because all of the members of this Lodge are alive and well. Because we still enjoy their companionship, and can look into their faces and feel the fraternal tie that binds us together as brothers, as the offspring of a common Parent, as constituents of a Universal Brotherhood, created in the image and likeness of Him who is the Father of all men.
For some good and wise purpose we have been spared. It is not an accident that we have been created, that we live today, but for a purpose, and ever Elk should feel that we live for a specific purpose, and have a special place to fill, a special work to do, and that work is to make this old world better by making those better that we come in contact with.

Let us be good men and true. Let us keep our obligations inviolate. Let us live pure lives, for our lives will help or hinder those we come in contact with, and let no man say that if it had not been for our influence that the struggle would not have been as great; but let it be said of us that we did our best.

The Benevolent and Protective Order

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CAPT. EDLER FILLS HIS COMPANY

Tucumcari Organizes National Guard of Sixty Men. Equipment Coming.

UNIFORMS ORDERED

Since Capt. Edler's return from St. Louis a few days ago the organization of a state militia or national guard, has been again taken up and a company of sixty of Tucumcari's best fighting blood has signed up and uniforms and equipment will be forthcoming in the sweet subsequentity. The boys are enthusiastic and a more likely set of young men never inhabited the country they are pledging themselves to defend. Now boys, get down to business and let's show New Mexico the cleanest record and sixty of the most gentlemanly and proficient defenders of the flag on Uncle Sam's roster of soldiers. Things look a little squally to the south of us, and your services may be needed sooner than we think to defend the homes and property of our loved ones. Then, too, if our department is commendable, we will be in position to ask the next territorial legislature for an armory to be erected in this city, and that is a favor that we should have, and that means that we will get it for you if we all attend to business. The Tucumcari News happens to be so constituted that it appreciates you, and when we can serve you, command us.

P. E. Caraway of Clarendon, Texas, is a guest of the Glenrock, and will probably go in business here sometime this month.